individual/group beneficiary oriented schemes of SCs/STs families living Below the Poverty Line (BPL) and 50% of the Village Panchayat allocation is earmarked for creation of need based village infrastructure in SC/ST habitations/wards.

(b) Does not arise.

Suicide by police personnel

*478. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of police personnel who committed suicide on account of stress of work, depression or for other reasons, during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) whether Government propose to recommend measures to the State Government's in this regard; and

(c) whether Government have also taken any steps in this regard in respect of the forces under their command?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) The available information is given in the enclosed statement (*See* below).

(b) Government has been advising the State Governments to improve the working conditions of their police personnel and to undertake necessary welfare measures. It has also advised them to put in place an effective mechanism for redressal of personnel grievances and interpersonal problems, and to conduct appropriate training courses. Central assistance for improving the housing satisfaction and better facilities at police stations and strengthening of training institutions is made available to the State Police Forces through the Scheme for Modernization of State Police Forces.

(c) Government has also been undertaking modernization of the Central Police Forces including improving their working conditions and providing proper amenities. Emphasis has been laid for early redressal of personnel grievances within the organization. In addition, courses for attitudinal orientation and other measures for coping with stress have been commenced for the police personnel.

Statement

Number of police personnel who committed suicide

	2003	2004	2005
CENTRAL POLICE FORCES			
Assam Rifles	18	10	12
SSB	0	3	6
CISF	13	6	13
NSG	—	—	01
BSF	29	30	31
ITBP	04	03	02
TOTAL	64	52	65
STATE POLICE FORCES*	2002	2003	2004
Andhra Pradesh	4	9	12
Arunachal Pradesh	0	0	0
Assam	0	0	0
Bihar	1	1	1
Chhattisgarh	3	0	9
Goa	0	0	0
Gujarat	4	13	8
Haryana	5	1	0
Himachal Pradesh	9	9	2
J&K	3	4	2
Jharkhand	0	2	0
Karnataka	12	9	9
Kerala	13	14	16
Madhya Pradesh	10	11	10
Maharashtra	43	33	29
Manipur	0	1	0

	2003	2004	2005
Meghalaya	0	0	0
Mizoram	0	1	0
Nagaland	0	2	0
Orissa	0	3	1
Punjab	1	1	1
Rajasthan	5	5	7
Sikkim	0	0	0
Tamil Nadu	6	17	19
Tripura	2	0	2
Uttar Pradesh	6	3	13
Uttaranchal	0	1	0
West Bengal	7	13	1
TOTAL	134	153	143
UTs	2002	2003	2004
A&N Islands	0	0	1
Chandigarh	0	3	0
D&N Haveli	0	0	0
Daman & Diu	0	0	0
Delhi	3	6	5
Lakshyadweep	0	0	0
Pondicherry	0	1	0
TOTAL	3	10	6
TOTAL (ALL INDIA):	137	163	149

*Government does not maintain information relating to the causes of suicide by police personnel. It therefore cannot be surmised that the suicides were committed as a result of stress of work or depression.